

LOCAL BREVITIES

From Thursday's Daily.

The Odd Fellows will hold an election of officers in their lodge room tonight. The skating has about played out on the river.

Lee M. Kendall will leave tomorrow for Chicago.

Phillip Sebell is now clerking at Kendall's grocery store.

Trustee McCrory and son returned home from Indianapolis last evening.

Bert Harris accompanied his friend Frank Parcells to the latter's home in Monicello yesterday.

Miss Ruby Neville is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brown, of Sophia street, this week.

County Treasurer, W. J. Rankin, transacted business at Indianapolis yesterday.

Joe Wolf is now in Chicago, but will leave there Friday for a trip through the east.

The ice is now about seven inches thick and work on the lakes in Marshall county is moving.

Lost—A tin bucket containing one paper and one calamine brush. Finder return to Kendall's store.

Argos is all aglow with enthusiasm. Last night the electric lights were turned on for the first time.

Circuit court will convene Monday. Several important cases will be called which were venued from Laporte to St. Joseph counties.

From 3 to 4 p. m. Friday we will give each school girl and boy who come to our store a nice steel pen and paper penholder. W. E. Leonard.

Bert Andrews who was running a tenant saw at the Novelty got his arm caught in such a manner that it was broken near the wrist.

The schools will open next Monday and the little ones are anxious for that day to arrive. There vacation has been a great rest to them.

A genuine old time spring morning is something out of the ordinary in December but this morning was fully up to the spring mark.

The lady who lost her mitten while attending the free silver dance in the opera house can get the same by calling at Shoemaker's restaurant.

A little newsboy was held up and robbed over at South Bend Wednesday night. The amount taken from the little boy was 8 cents.

Deputy Post master Yockey took a sleigh ride into the country yesterday morning taking his shot gun with him and brought back ten quail.

Miss Maxwell furnished the people of Delphi a musical feast at the opera house last Tuesday evening. She could almost make her little violin talk and her audience encored her rapturously.—Delphi Journal.

Personally, we would like to hear of our friend R. B. Oglessee, being chosen chairman of the republican district committee.

John Harris is an ardent admirer of Fitzsimmons. If you want an argument just tell John that "Fitz" is a small fry.

The health of the inmates of the county infirmary is exceptionally good at this time. In fact all the inmates of that institution are enjoying exceedingly good health.

John Baxter and Charlie Harris went to Nappanee to get Mr. Harris' new hack upholstered. When Charlie appears on the streets with his new hack the citizens of Plymouth will see something fine.

Supt. Mickey of the County Infirmary has sold his fine span of roan horses. This team was considered one of the finest in the county. Mr. Mickey is now negotiating for another team of horses to take their place.

Frank Nichol went to the country today in search of quail. Frank is considered one of the best shots in Marshall county and the boys say that he will do some good work.

Miss Maxwell receives the most extravagant praise wherever she appears with her violin. She may be heard at our opera house New Year's night. General admission 20c reserved seats 30 cents.

Chas. LaBrash returned home last night from Denver, Col., for a short stay. He has been traveling with the Starr Shay Comedy company through the West.

Miss Maxwell has played in my church at several entertainments and pleased all who heard her perfect rendition and sweet tones—Geo. Miller pastor First Christian church Covington Ky.

Ella Dickey left Plymouth yesterday morning. Ella was arrested a few days ago by Officer Baxter and was put in jail. On account of sickness she was permitted to return home. Yesterday morning a coal black coon from Chicago arrived in the city and she left for Chicago with this colored individual.

If the boys who delight in killing quail will get an early start tomorrow they may be able to make up for lost time. The season closes tomorrow so it is necessary for them to get in their work at once.

Ex-President Harrison has greatly encouraged the Salvation Army people by visiting their headquarters at Indianapolis the day before Christmas and leaving a contribution for the cause which they represent. It was a voluntary offering and made without display.

Some people in Plymouth are desirous that the council pass a curfew ordinance. Indianapolis has an ordinance of that kind. What's the matter with Plymouth that she can't be in line with Indianapolis.

FOOLING AN APE.

His Curiosity Always Led to His Being Caught.

The big ape in the zoo needed exercise. This he obtained by being allowed the run of the large monkey house, instead of remaining in a side room, before the visitors came, says the Spectator. As he knew he would be caught and put back into his own room at this hour the ape used to climb up on to the top of the other monkeys' cages and refuse to come down. As he could not be tempted by food, Mr. Bartlett appealed to his mind by working on what he had noted to be his weak points, curiosity and cowardice. This is Mr. Frank Buckland's account of the daily proceedings at this hour: "Mr. Bartlett went to the keeper and, touching him gently on the shoulder, directed his attention in a mysterious manner to the dark passage underneath the gas pipe which traverses the house, pretending to point out to Sutton some horrible unknown creature, using an energetic manner, but saying nothing except words to this effect: 'Look out—there he is—there he is!' At the same time the two men would peer into the dark place under the gas pipe." The monkey used presently to come down to see what the subject of fear and interest was, when Mr. Bartlett and Sutton used to shout: "He's coming out! He's coming out!" and rush away in the direction of Joe's cage. The monkey would rush for the same place of safety, which happened to be the door of his own house, and sometimes enter it before them. Buckland notes it as curious that the monkey never learned the deception, but would be taken in by it whenever the time came to finish his morning's airing.

Similar Jokes.

A writer in the Gentleman's Magazine calls attention to the fact that real jokes are few, but that, as they are always suggesting their duplicates, humorists may still depend upon rhyming necessary changes and keeping the supply good to the last. Nothing is more certain than that one anecdote does bring forth another; and no one can say whether a funny man deliberately copies and revamps, or whether his mirth also are genuine. There is the old story of a British railway. A traveler had left his wrap in a railway carriage, and the guard, opening the door, inquired: "Is there a black mackintosh here?" "No," answered one of the big Highlanders inside, "there is no black mackintosh, but there are six red Macgregors."

This story would almost seem to have been copied in another railway story. A clerical passenger looked up from his book.

"Have you read 'Lamb's Tales'?" asked he.

"No," said the man opposite, who happened to be a commercial traveler, "but I have black sheepskin rugs."

Trees and Men.

A single tree, according to a computation in Knowledge, is able, through its leaves, to purify the air from the carbonic acid arising from the respiration of a considerable number of men, perhaps a dozen or even a score. The volume of carbonic acid exhaled by a human being in the course of twenty-four hours is put at about 100 gallons; but by Boissin-gault's estimate, a single square yard of leaf surface, counting both the upper and under sides of the leaves, can, under favorable circumstances, decompose at least a gallon of carbonic acid in a day. One hundred square yards of leaf-surface then would suffice to keep the air pure for one man, but the leaves of a tree of moderate size present a surface of many hundred square yards.

Danger of Another Famine.

The provisioning of those Russian provinces which have been most affected by this year's bad harvest is becoming a question of increasing difficulty. The assemblies or zemstvos are now deliberating on the special and urgent measures to be taken for saving the population of the threatened districts from a repetition of the terrible sufferings which they underwent in the last famine. There is general agreement as to the necessity of lending the peasants corn bought with the special funds at the disposal of each of the provinces affected, but as the needs of the peasants greatly exceed these resources the assemblies have all decided to ask the government for very large loans of money.

Trolley Cars on a Fast Schedule.

A new suburban electric road near Cleveland, O., known as the Cleveland and Lorain electric railroad, has a schedule of time that calls for a speed of thirty-five miles an hour, and recently during some trial trips one car averaged fifty-two miles, and even covered one portion of the road at a fifty-five mile rate. These figures are particularly interesting as an illustration of the requirements met by the modern trolley line, and also as showing how street railways are gradually merging into a line of business that cannot be distinguished from steam railroad service.

REWRITING THE BIBLE.

The Stupendous Task Being Undertaken by an Englishman.

Because the bible in its present form is not as lucid as it might be to him, an English enthusiast has determined to rewrite it. All the Greek and Hebrew idioms and names in the two testaments will be replaced with pure English words and names. The person who has undertaken this stupendous task is Howard Swan of Howard house, Arndel street, London, W. C. He thinks after the bible has been transformed and rewritten it will be more beautiful and instructive, and more widely read. In regard to the work, he has commenced he said recently: "I expect that the rewritten version will give enormous stimulus to spiritual energy throughout the land. It may take a little time to become popular, but I believe there are thousands and thousands who only require to be shown the proper road. My version of the bible will, I hope, point the way. What I propose is to produce quite a different effect by the employment of pure English, and I am convinced that a reunion of the higher thought of the various religions will be attained by the reduction of all foreign idioms to English. In my version the book of Job will be headed 'Afflicted,' and Isaiah will be known as 'The Spirit is Safe.' I need hardly tell you that I have been moved to undertake the work by very serious considerations, considerations which involve deep and important theological problems. But into the philosophical basis of my argument in favor of a bible in a new and, as I venture to think, improved form, it is not necessary to go. And yet there is no reason why anything should be withheld, for those very questions of religion at which I am now hinting will be in the mouth of everybody before another year has gone. The effect upon international questions will be of immense importance. Now, as to my work on the bible, it is simply this. The bible at present is written in three languages—English words, Greek idioms, Hebrew proper names. What I propose to do is rewrite it in pure English idiom, which shall be as vigorous in expression as the original, and shall at the same time have deeper and more lasting effect upon the minds of those who read it. Then there are the Hebrew names. How many people do you suppose understand the meaning of these names? Do you know what Barmabas means? You don't. Perhaps you can tell me what Ezekiel signifies? You can't. There are lots of others in the same fix."

Save the Stumblers.

"One of the most blessed offices of Christlike religion," says Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, "is to take stumbling blocks out of people's way. Another is to help up those who have tumbled down over them. 'Brothers,' said the great Apostle, 'if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness.' The plain English of this commandment is, if a fellow creature has fallen into sin and shame, then, instead of leaving him there, wounded and half dead stop and help him up. Play the good Samaritan to him. If he has been tripped by a strong temptation, don't jeer at him or cast the condemning stone. However low and disgraceful his fall, give him a lift by your prayers and counsel and support, and perhaps his feet and ankle bones may receive strength."

Strange Journey of a Squaw.

Many articles have been written to prove that the original inhabitants of America were Asiatics, who found their way to this continent by way of Behring strait. Under the circumstances it is somewhat singular that so many of the ethnologists who have discussed this subject have neglected Father Huk's story of the Chinook Indian woman whom the famous traveler found wandering far into the interior of Asia. It was in the last century. The woman claimed that she had traveled northward until she reached Behring strait, where she was driven across in a boat during a storm. Her companions being all lost, and having no inclination to return, the squaw set about visiting the different parts of the land which she had reached by accident. When Father Huk met her she was in central Asia and still intent on going farther.

Use for Old Gold.

One of the most sensible "fads" among the girls just now is to save up all their old jewelry, old gold trinkets which have the tops worn off, gold fob chains, gold bracelets, and pins, and even necklaces, and take them to some reliable jeweler, who will either melt them down and make what she wants out of them, or else will exchange them, allowing her for the weight of the gold. One girl made a collection for several years of broken bits of jewelry and, with some of her grandmother's added to them, sold them to her own jeweler and now is the happy possessor of a beautiful pearl necklace which she got in exchange.—Harper's Bazar.

Swearing by Boring Stone.

The following curious oath was until recently administered in all the courts of the Isle of Man: "By this book and by the holy contents thereof, and by the wonderful works that God has so miraculously wrought in heaven above and in the earth beneath in six days and seven nights, I do swear that I will, without respect of favor or friendship, love or gain, consanguinity or affinity, envy or malice, execute the laws of this side and between party as indifferently as the herring's backbone doth lie in the middle of the fish."

O Kral.

Houston, Tex., has a lawyer named Crank. And there are others.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF CRIME.

Unbearable Famine of the Courts of California.

The California lawyers to their fight for wealth or fame never let a case pass the law, and produced from some hidden recesses as a last resort, is played. Neither are they at a loss to find something new to turn up in the nick of time, so long as they can get a hearing in a case before some judicial tribunal, so says the Walla Walla (Oregon) Union. The case of Durrant, the double murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, is a remarkable instance of the tenacity and inventive powers of San Francisco lawyers. They have come to the convicted murderer through all the mutations to which cases are subject in courts, until the last final struggle is for executive interference to prevent the execution of a just sentence. The pleas set up were principally those that were urged before the courts and overruled in seeking for a new trial. The confession of Rosenberg, a convict in the San Quentin prison, was the latest card produced to bunco the governor. This convict declared that he committed the murders, not Durrant. It had the appearance of a well-arranged but a blundering job, as it is said Rosenberg, according to his own confession, did not arrive in San Francisco until after the murders were committed. For ways that are dark and devious to circumvent the just penalties which the laws prescribe for the punishment of crime California is entitled to the precedence. In that state, as in others under the system of elective judges, there has been permitted to grow up a mass of legal technicalities of the most trivial and nonsensical kind and a system of legal procedure which makes it an exceedingly expensive and difficult matter to convict criminals charged with the most heinous crimes against society. In addition, jurors are approached by professional bribers or the jury is stuffed, harassed perjury and subornation of that crime and every scheme of trickery and deceit are resorted to by attorneys to bamboozle judges, jurors and the people. The more atrocious the murder and more daring the robbery, it would seem, the better is the chance for the criminal's escape from the network of the law. The most brutal fiend who commits the boldest outrage against society, the most savage and repulsive murderers of women and children, seldom fails to have his female, as well as male, mawkish sympathizers to labor for his acquittal or his pardon after conviction. The history of the civil side of the courts of California shows also a lamentable state of public morals and of conscientious principles in the individual of right and wrong.

LAST OF THE DARLING FAMILY

Brother of the Famous Grace Now a Pauper.

The news will be received with some surprise, not to say disappointment, that the only surviving brother of the famous Grace Darling is now a pauper in receipt of parochial relief, says the Westminster Gazette. George A. Darling, the last of the family, is an old man, and though once fairly prosperous has, through the failure of the poor fishermen of Seahouses, North Sunderland, where he lives, fallen into such poverty as to necessitate his receiving relief from the parish rates. The old man adds to his scanty living by selling "The True History of Grace Darling's Life" and "The Journal of Grace Darling's Father." The house in which the heroine was born and the house in which she died are still standing and occupied in the charming village of Bramburgh, in the unique parish church of which—St. Aidan's—Grace was baptized. She lies buried along with all the Darling connection in the still churchyard of Bramburgh, and for the third time since her interment in 1842 the canopy memorial above her ashes has just been restored. After having stood a few years the effigy of the heroine—a recumbent figure with an oar on her arm, looking toward the islands which she made illustrious—began to decay and was removed to the interior of the church, where it still lies, weather beaten and rain worn. Very curiously, the roof of the transept in which the original effigy is preserved has just given away and is declared unsafe. The outside monument some 15 years or so ago was restored and a new effigy placed beneath the stone arched canopy, but in the great storm of four years ago the canopy was blown down and the second effigy defaced. After lying in ruins for some two years a new canopy has just been erected and the recumbent figure of Grace Darling repaired. The coast is a wild one, but there has been something strangely fatal in the fortunes of the tombs of once whose praises once rang through Europe. Far worse, however, than any ruined monument is the cold neglect of the heroine's last surviving relative. "Surely," says the correspondent who sends us these particulars, "something should be done to brighten the eventide of the life of one so closely associated with a great English heroine."

Strange Swiss Landslide.

A curious landslide occurred a few days ago in the village of Sattel, in Canton Schwyz. An inn situated by the side of a hill was carried, without sustaining any injury, thirty-five feet down the hillside, stopping just short of being precipitated into the River Stelzen. The road in front of the house, the garden, and all the immediate surroundings of the inn are intact. By the house were two large elms, and even these have in no way suffered.

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